

# WILDFIRE

## THE NEXT STORM








**he aftermath of recent hurricanes has left Louisiana with a large accumulation of vegetative debris which is drying out and causing a wildfire hazard.**







**o protect your home and neighborhood it is critical that debris is eliminated and properly disposed of in a timely manner.**

# Debris Elimination

-  Clear vegetation at least 30 feet around your home and other structures.
-  Make sure that all machinery is equipped with proper spark arrestors. Fuel equipment in areas without vegetation.
-  Practice extra caution when fire danger is high.
-  Rake all leaves or needles that are within 30 feet of a structure.
-  Thin tree stands and brush to eliminate vegetation which can promote wildfire spread.

# Debris Disposal

-  Burning – Contact local agencies regarding burn regulations. Practice extreme caution whenever burning.
-  Chipping – Utilize wood chippers to eliminate tree branches and other vegetative debris. Chips can be used to mulch gardens.
-  Hauling – Haul vegetative debris to designated dump sites in your areas.
-  Community Work Days – Organize a community cleanup day. Pool resources such as wood chippers and chainsaws to help your neighbors clean up around their homes.

**Remember: Fire safety is up to you.**

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